

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1287 (Delegate McHale)  
Environmental Matters

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**State Board of Pharmacy - Scope of Practice**

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This bill requires a nonresident pharmacy to obtain a pharmacy permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy in order to operate in the State. A pharmacist may only dispense or distribute pharmaceutical products from a pharmacy that holds a pharmacy permit issued by the board, unless otherwise approved by the board. The board may suspend the permit of a pharmacy or nonresident pharmacy for violating specified provisions in the bill until the pharmacy/nonresident pharmacy complies with the provisions. In addition, the bill makes numerous changes to (1) existing law standards of practice for pharmacists and pharmacies; and (2) provisions relating to licensure.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues would increase by \$7,500 annually beginning in FY 1998. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
SF Revenues	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
SF Expenditures	---	---	---	---	---
Net Effect	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500

*Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Out-of-state mail-order pharmacies are not small businesses.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** Requiring out-of-state pharmacies to obtain a pharmacy permit would increase special fund revenues for the board by \$7,500 annually beginning in fiscal 1998. This estimate is based on an anticipated \$50 annual fee and 150 out-of-state mail-order pharmacies applying for the permit.

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